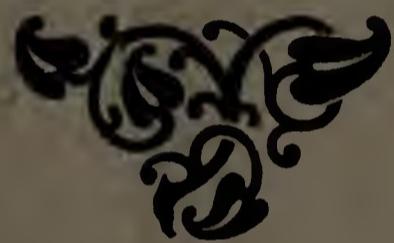


Dorchester Relief Society



— 1916 —

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Dorchester Relief Society

FOUNDED 1879.

INCORPORATED 1904.

For the Year Ending September 30, 1916

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY

Incorporated November 8, 1904

The Dorchester Relief Society has continued to follow, with few exceptions, the same methods as in former years.

One of the responsibilities of which we are relieved is the paying of the salary of a nurse from the Instructive District Nursing Association. This change has been made by request of the Association, owing to the ambition of the latter to have the whole community, when ill, taken care of by its own nurses. This association endeavors to have it understood that all persons may employ a nurse by paying the nominal fee of from five to fifty-five cents. Therefore, it was considered undesirable to have the salary of a nurse paid by an alms-giving society.

The Society was asked to send a representative to the Tuberculosis Relief Conference, composed of eight members from as many relief-giving societies, to consider the wisdom of forming a new committee to assist in supplying clothing to needy tubercular patients who were about to enter the State Sanatoria. Your Secretary attended several meetings; the conclusion reached was that it would be unwise to form a new agency to meet this need, but that such necessary clothing should be supplied by the existing alms-giving societies, with the exception of a small group of needy persons who should be considered State charges and be supplied from the public relief department.

This Society has, as usual, supplied during the past year clothing to those suffering with tuberculosis when an appeal has been made in their behalf, and it regards this as an important feature of its work. The work of the Dispensary has broadened and the co-operation of physicians from the City proper has helped to make this possible. A detailed report of the Dispensary, which is full of interest, will be given later.

Material aid has been supplied to over one hundred families who are in the care of the two Dorchester Conferences of the

Associated Charities and to forty-three families consisting of old persons in charge of the Dorchester Relief Society. Our agent is untiring in her efforts to procure aid, in some cases from relatives and friends (who frequently are negligent of their duty towards the old, although members of their own family), and in other cases from the City Trust Funds given in years past to be used by such old and respectable persons who are constantly in the care of this Society.

During the summer it was made possible for three old persons to visit relatives in the country who were willing to share their homes but could not give financial aid.

The Thanksgiving contributions from nine schools, three churches, the Kindergarten class of Dorchester House, the Mothers' Club of Dorchester Civic Center, the Dorchester Women's Club, the Young Girls Club, as well as from several individuals made the distribution of dinners, groceries and fruit possible among one hundred and forty-five families consisting of five hundred and fifty persons.

These annual donations are deeply appreciated by the recipients who are carefully selected according to their needs, and they make existence much easier for several days, as well as affording bountiful Thanksgiving dinners. The Relief Society finds the housing of the old persons in its care very difficult as the rents in Dorchester are much higher than formerly, and tenements consisting of two or three rooms are very rare in healthful localities. We suggest that some interested friend build such a tenement house, with small apartments, which could be rented cheaply, and thus provide a comfortable home outside of an Institution. Ten beneficiaries have died during the past year, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that their last days were made more bearable for having known this Society. Others are appealing for help either to eke out a very small income or to be wholly provided for.

The Nathaniel Hall Society of the First Parish for the second time gave invitations to the old persons known to us, to attend a Christmas party. Twenty-five availed themselves of this pleasure, and the party, which was thoughtfully planned for the pleasure and comfort of the guests, gave much happiness.

The Dorchester Relief Society joined for the third time with Dorchester House in conducting Dorchester Flower Day. The

funds collected altogether have been a substantial addition to the treasury fund, and the plan has made this Society much better known in the Community, which by this means takes its share of the assistance given its least fortunate neighbors.

Again this Society has been remembered in the will of an old resident. Mrs. Mary E. C. Bates has left \$300.00 to our treasury, this gift was acknowledged with gratitude and placed in the Permanent Fund. The bequest of Mr. Isaac Eddy, of \$500.00, is also most gratefully acknowledged.

The Dorchester Relief Society has met with severe losses in the death of two of its officers of long standing and untiring interest in its welfare. Mrs. Charles L. Brigham who was among the pioneers of the Society, passed away in April, and Mr. Frank K. Nash, who had long served as a member of the Executive and Finance Committee, passed away in September.

The appended resolutions were drawn up, and sent to the relatives of these officers.

As the population of the District is constantly increasing, the demands for the worthy poor grow more and more frequent. This part of the City affords more healthful conditions for unfortunate citizens than do many of the wards of the City proper.

The gratitude of this Society is cordially extended to the various churches, schools, clubs, organizations and individuals who have made it possible to supply the much-needed, aid and have added substantial comforts to many old persons in their last days.

The advance in the cost of living is apparent to all, and the question is frequently asked: "How is it possible for the poor to be fed?" The reply may well be that they are obliged to go without many of the so-called necessities of life; and without the aid of their more fortunate fellow citizens their suffering is certain.

Will you not help the Dorchester Relief Society to do its utmost to provide for the deserving poor? Donations of clothing and supplies for the sick room are much needed in the work of the Dispensary.

A card sent to our agent Miss H. E. Bruce, 204 Adams Street, that contributions may be called for, will receive prompt attention.

S. FRANK KING NASH, Clerk.

Dorchester, April 12, 1916.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CHARLES L. BRIGHAM. BY VOTE OF THE
DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY, APRIL 10, 1916.

In the death of Mrs. Brigham the cause of charity and benevolence in Dorchester has met with a great loss. Whenever there has been a call for aid in any good work she has responded cheerfully and quickly; through her generosity and wisdom the fatherless and widows in their affliction have been comforted, the unfortunates who fell by the wayside have been put on their feet again and helped on the road.

A zealous friend and worker has been taken away, and the Dorchester Relief Society wishes to place on its records and communicate to her family, with sympathy in their bereavement, this expression of respect and sorrow.

VOTED AT MEETING OF THE DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY,
OCTOBER 9, 1916.

In the death of Mr. Nash, we have met with a great loss. In the days to come we shall again and again feel the need of his wise counsel. In every effort towards renewed and increased efficiency his kindness of heart and his good judgment have been encouragement and guide.

The Officers and members of the Executive Committee will miss a personal, sympathetic friend, but the influence of a life devoted to good work will remain with them.

We wish to express to his family and relatives and to enter upon our records our appreciation of his worth and our loss.

For the Society,

EDWIN T. HORNE, *President.*

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Agent.

Miss H. EUGENIA BRUCE,
204 Adams Street, Dorchester.

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EDWARD B. WILDER. *Term expires 1919.*

GEORGE G. BRADFORD. *Term expires 1918.*

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And the OFFICERS EX-OFFICIO.

For Members of Finance Committee.

GEORGE G. BRADFORD. STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN.
CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS. EDWARD B. WILDER.

**Report of E. H. Sharp, Treasurer
DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY**

October 1, 1915 to October 1, 1916.

DR	To Cash Balance from last year	\$18.53	By Cash paid Agent Sal.	\$600.00
	Donations	1640.71	Rent	220.00
	½ proceeds Flower Day	553.22	Printing	91.00
	Income from Trustees .		Sundries	1.00
	Permanent Funds . . .	450.00	Instructive District	
	Templeman Annuity .	200.00	Nursing Association	270.00
	Received by Agent . .		Ditto — Dorchester	
	including balance from		Committee	159.55
	last year	581.45	Associated Charities	
Rec'd	Bequest from Mary E.		Donations remitted	15.00
	Bates, estate	300.00	Office Expense	151.26
	Bequest from Isaac		Dispensary Expense	155.63
	Eddy, estate	500.00	Aid	1724.51
			Balance	5.91
			Balance in hands of	
			Agent	50.05
			Trustees of	
			Permanent Funds	800.00
		\$4243.91		\$4243.91

**Report of Trustees of Permanent Funds
DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.**

For the Year Ending September 30, 1916.

CASH				
October 1, 1915.	On hand, account principal		\$15.00	
	account income		102.82	
January 21, 1916.	Bequest of Mrs. Mary E. C. Bates . . .		300.00	
	Bequest of Isaac H. Eddy		500.00	
February 12,	Taken from principal, Franklin Savings			
	Bank		175.00	
September 30,	Income from investments		488.60	\$1581.42

CONTRA				
February 5, 1916.	1000 Electric Securities Co.		\$990.00	
	Interest on bond56	
	Paid Treasurer of Dorchester Relief Society			
	during the year		450.00	
September 30, 1916.	Balance of cash on hand, account income		140.86	\$1581.42

Trial Balance September 30, 1916.

2000 United Electric Securities Co.	\$1990.00	Life Members and Donations	\$125.00
1500 Central Vermont Railway	1200.00	Surplus Account	363.72
Franklin Savings Bank, principal	252.81	Income Account	- 140.86
Dorchester Savings Bank, principal	244.06	Mrs. Caroline B. Allen Fund	1000.00
3000 Northern Pacific, Great Northern	2865.00	Mrs. Mary E. C. Bates	300.00
3000 American Tel. & Tel. Co.	2692.50	Isaac H. Eddy Fund	500.00
1000 Bay State St. Railway Co.	1000.00	Anonymous Fund	1000.00
1000 Old Colony St. Railway Co.	860.00	Richard C. Humphreys Memorial	4435.90
Cash on hand:—			
Metropolitan Trust Co.	117.26	Richard C. Humphreys Fund	1000.00
Franklin Savings Bank	13.76	Mary Ann Humphreys Fund	1279.75
Dorchester Savings Bank	<u>9.84</u>	Martha A. Foster Fund	1000.00
	<u>140.86</u>	Martha Clapp Fund	100.00
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Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN, } Trustees of
GEORGE G. BRADFORD, } Permanent
EDWARD G. WILDER, } Funds

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Associates.

DR. C. E. ALLARD. DR. P. J. DERVIN.
DR. R. D. SCHMIDT.

REPORT OF THE DORCHESTER FREE DISPENSARY.

New patients	275
Old patients	663
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	938
Refused treatment owing to ability to pay doctor	19
Operations on adenoids and tonsils	20
Dressings and vaccinations	357
Referred to hospitals and specialists	47
Sent to the Convalescent's Home and Mother's Rest	6

An ever increasing interest in the work of the Dispensary is manifested by the physicians in charge. The medical staff as reorganized for the coming year bids fair to demonstrate, as never before, the value of this charity to the poor of Dorchester.

The number of patients treated would have been greatly increased and the clinics overcrowded but for a careful discrimination in weeding out those able to pay for advice, thus safeguarding

the physicians throughout the district in their private practice, and preventing the generous donors to this excellent charity from being imposed upon by those capable of paying a physician.

The fact that each new case will be investigated is well known and this has a salutary effect in keeping this Dispensary strictly where its work is designated to be, and that is amongst the poor of Dorchester.

Signed for the Staff,

FRANCIS X. CORR, M.D.

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DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY.

PURPOSE:

TO PROVIDE relief and, if possible, employment for the worthy poor of Dorchester, and to help them to become self-supporting.

TO MAKE it possible for the Associated Charities:—

TO PROTECT the community from beggars and impostors, and

TO PREVENT the increase of pauperism.

ADDRESS:

204 Adams Street, Fields Corner.

HOURS:

10 to 11 A.M. daily.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund
of the Dorchester Relief Society \$.....*

